
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2317

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2007 Regular Session

By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Anderson, Sells and Kenney)

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1 AN ACT Relating to defining high demand; and creating a new
2 section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that many agencies
5 and institutions in Washington are directly and indirectly involved in
6 offering postsecondary education, preparing people for employment, and
7 assisting business and industry in accessing a skilled workforce. The
8 legislature also finds that significant amounts of funding are
9 appropriated to these agencies and institutions for the specific focus
10 of meeting needs in high-demand areas. Further, the legislature finds
11 that the agencies and institutions use a variety of different
12 definitions and criteria for determining what is high demand.

13 (2) The higher education coordinating board, the state board for
14 community and technical colleges, the workforce training and education
15 coordinating board, the council of presidents, the office of financial
16 management, the employment security department, and the department of
17 community, trade, and economic development, shall work collaboratively
18 to prepare recommended legislation that includes a statutory definition
19 of high demand for use by the legislature and all agencies and

1 institutions that offer postsecondary education, employment
2 preparation, and workforce-related services to business and industry.
3 The recommendations and proposed legislation shall be submitted in a
4 joint report from all agencies listed in this section to the higher
5 education committees in the house of representatives and senate by
6 November 1, 2007.

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